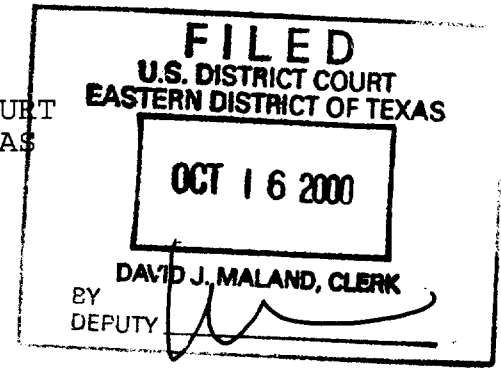


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TYLER DIVISION



NATHAN L. JACKSON, Individually §  
and on behalf of a putative §  
class of similarly situated §  
individuals, §

Plaintiffs, §

V. §

EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER, §  
ATHENS, ET AL, §

Defendants and §  
Third-Party Plaintiffs, §

V. §

AETNA HEALTH AND LIFE §  
INSURANCE COMPANY, ET AL, §

Third-Party Defendants. §

CIVIL ACTION NO. 6:00-CV-442

**CIGNA HEALTHCARE'S ORIGINAL ANSWER**  
**TO DEFENDANTS' FIRST AMENDED THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT**

TO THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

COMES NOW CIGNA HealthCare of Texas, Inc. [hereinafter "CIGNA HealthCare"], one of the Third-Party Defendants herein, and would respectfully show the Court the following in answer to Defendants' First Amended Third-Party Complaint [hereinafter "Complaint"]:

I.

In answer to paragraph 10 of section I of the Complaint, CIGNA HealthCare admits that its registered agent, CT Corporation, may be served at 350 N. St. Paul Street, Dallas, Texas 75201, but states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in said section I.

II.

In answer to section II of the Complaint, CIGNA HealthCare states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein.

III.

In answer to section III of the Complaint, CIGNA HealthCare denies that it has any "agreements" or "contracts" with Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs with respect to any payments, refunds or discounts referenced in said section III, but states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in said section III.

IV.

In answer to section IV of the Complaint, CIGNA HealthCare denies that Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs are entitled to contribution or indemnity from CIGNA HealthCare, and denies that CIGNA HealthCare is liable to Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs for any erroneously-refunded payments, but states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in said section IV.

V.

In answer to section V of the Complaint, CIGNA HealthCare states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein.

VI.

In answer to section VI of the Complaint, CIGNA HealthCare denies that Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs are entitled to any

relief from CIGNA HealthCare, but states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained therein.

VII.

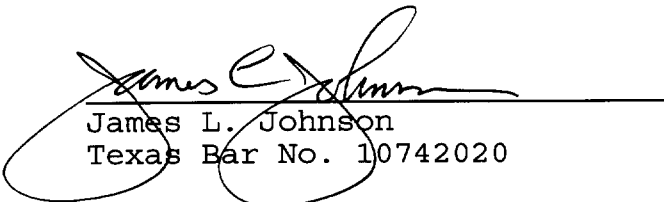
To the extent not otherwise addressed above, CIGNA HealthCare denies each of the allegations contained in the Complaint.

VIII.

CIGNA HealthCare asserts that the claims asserted against it by Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs are barred by the applicable statutes of limitation, and by laches.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, CIGNA HealthCare prays that Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs take nothing by their suit against CIGNA HealthCare, and that CIGNA HealthCare recover its reasonable attorney's fees and costs from Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs, and for such other and further relief to which it may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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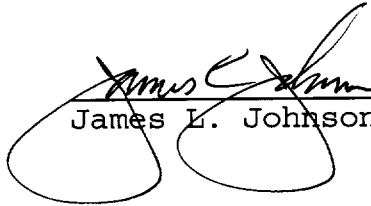
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